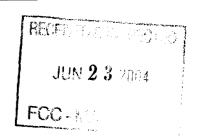
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MARK W. ERWIN PRESIDENT

June 15, 2004

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: MM Docket No. 99-325

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The following letter is in regards to my support of the digital radio concept.

Listeners should be given the best possible programming and quality within the public radio broadcasting system.

With many people commuting to work each day the radio is a main source of important information. Should the digital broadcasting improve the ability to receive much needed information, I feel many people would benefit.

I urge the commission to look closely at this docket and adopt rules which allow and encourage experimentation with this new technology.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Erwin

U.S. Ambassador, ret.

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